

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Plaintiff,

v.

EDGEWOOD PROPERTIES INC.

Defendant.

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Civil Action No.: 06-1278(HAA)

ORDER

This matter having come before the Court on the motion [Dkt. 161] of Edgewood Properties, Inc. to consolidate the above referenced matter with *Edgewood Properties v. J&L Management Corp., et al.*, Civil Action No. 08-774 (HAA); and the Court considering Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a) which authorizes district courts to consolidate actions involving a common question of law or fact; and the Court determining that the cases bearing Civil Action Nos. 06-1278(HAA) and 08-774 (HAA) involve a common question of law and fact; and a district court having broad discretion when deciding whether to consolidate proceedings; and there being no opposition filed thereto; and it appearing further that the parties will not be prejudiced by the consolidation of these actions, as consolidation is a matter of convenience and economy in administration, and does not merge the actions into a single claim or change the parties' rights, *see Bradgate Assocs. v. Fellows, Read & Assocs.*, 999 F.2d 745, 750 (3d Cir. 1993); and Local Civ. R. 42.1 requiring that "[a] motion to consolidate two or more civil cases pending upon the docket of the Court shall be filed in the case bearing the earliest docket number"; and for good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE on this 30th day of January, 2009

ORDERED that Edgewood's motion to consolidate is hereby granted; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above captioned action is consolidated with
Edgewood Properties v. J&L Management Corp., et al., Civil Action No. 08-774 (HAA); and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above captioned docket number will be the
LEAD ACTION.

s/ Esther Salas

**HONORABLE ESTHER SALAS,
United States Magistrate Judge**